

FORECAST:

Wilmington and vicinity: Partly cloudy with scattered thundershowers in afternoon and evening; today; Friday partly cloudy with afternoon thundershowers.

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Food Prices Up 31 Cents

Consumers Presented With Highest Grocery, Meat Bill In History

CHICAGO, Sept. 10.—(U.P.)—Consumers were presented today with the highest food bill in the nation's history, while the government told them they were making more money than before.

Dun and Bradstreet, Inc., said at New York that the index of wholesale food prices rose 31 cents last week to \$7.02, a new all-time high. Twenty of the 31 basic foods used in compiling the figure showed sharp increases.

The only price dips were in peas, raisins and rice. At Washington, the Commerce Department announced that personal income reached an unprecedented annual rate of \$197,000,000 during July. This was almost \$2,000,000,000 higher than the previous record, set in June.

Consumers were being bombarded with facts and figures on the status of their food bill. They also were beginning to feel the effects of the record market prices set a month ago, but on the grain and mercantile exchanges those records were just a memory.

Many Commodities Up The price of hogs, wheat, oats, eggs, butter, lard, sugar and corn all went up, following the lead of corn, which popped to another record on the Chicago Board of Trade.

An increase in the price of bread was threatened by higher wheat prices. Hog prices set a new all-time national record of \$1 at Sioux City, Ia. Onions cost more, and even the price of cottonseed oil went up, because higher pork prices had forced lard futures up again.

Officials of the National Federation of Millers said the price of flour has been rising to keep pace with the price that millers must pay for wheat. Spokesmen for the baking industry in turn said it was "only a matter of time" before bakers would be forced to increase the price of bread. In states where

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AHOSKIE LOTTERY STORY BACKFIRES

St. Louis Times-Star Cited By Postmaster For Publishing Facts

By The Associated Press Taken to task by a postmaster for publishing a story about the Negro temporarily denied an automobile he won in a lottery, the St. Louis Times-Star served notice yesterday it would continue to publish such reports. The Baltimore Sun papers executives also have been "cautioned" because the Sun carried a story about a drawing conducted by the City of Peoria, Ill. Sunpaper executives said they had not yet decided on a future policy.

Postoffice officials in Washington said warnings like those to the Star-Times and Sunpapers are routine. They disclaimed any "campaign" against newspapers carrying lottery stories. They pointed, however, to a law forbidding the mailing of publications carrying lottery advertisements or news about prizes. While they could recall no prosecutions of newspapers in recent years under the law, they said they would have no choice but to go to court if papers persisted to deliberately violating the law.

Paper Protests In St. Louis, the Star-Times said in an editorial it intends to keep on publishing such stories as the account of a North Carolina Negro who won a Cadillac car in a lottery last July. The Negro was first denied the prize on the ground that the drawing was only for white participants, but he subsequently received payment equivalent to the automobile.

St. Louis Postmaster Bernard F. Dickmann cautioned the Star-Times that publication of the

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The Weather

FORECAST: South Carolina — Partly cloudy and mild or no temperature changes Friday and Friday. Widely scattered thundershowers and evening thundershowers. North Carolina — Partly cloudy Thursday and Friday. Widely scattered afternoon and evening thundershowers. Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., yesterday. TEMPERATURES: 1:30 a. m. 75; 7:30 a. m. 77; 1:30 p. m. 84; 7:30 p. m. 79; Maximum 82; Minimum 73; Mean 78; Normal 74. HUMIDITY: 6:30 a. m. 84; 7:30 a. m. 91; 1:30 p. m. 87; 7:30 p. m. 81. PRECIPITATION: Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. 1.04 inches. Total since the first of the month 4.26 inches. TIDES FOR TODAY: From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, Wilmington. 6:20 a. m. 1:23 a. m. Masonboro Inlet — 4:11 a. m. 10:31 a. m. 4:49 p. m. 11:20 p. m. Sunrise 5:52; Sunset 6:24; Moonrise 1:24; Moonset 4:49. The stage at Fayetteville, N. C. at 8 a. m. Wednesday 9.5 feet. More WEATHER On Page Two



UNIVERSITY of Paris student and ex-U.S.A.A.F. flyer, Reginald G. M. Gilbert (above), St. Louis, Mo., is credited with French police in foiling an alleged plot to "bomb" London. Gilbert agreed to pilot plane for Jewish underground but informed French police of the plan. Climax came when Rabbi Baruch Korff and Mrs. Judith Rosenberg were arrested entering plane with propaganda leaflets. (International)

ATTEMPT TO KILL MINISTERS NIPPED

Explosive Packages Delivered To Three Czech Government Heads

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia, Sept. 10.—(U.P.)—Three cabinet ministers escaped an assassination plot today when explosive packages addressed to them were detected before they received them, Minister of Industry Bohumil Lausman announced.

The ministers were Foreign Minister Jan Masaryk, who is to leave Saturday for the United Nations General Assembly session in New York, Deputy Premier Petr Zenkl and Minister of Justice Prokop Drtina. All three are close to President Eduard Benes, who stated recently that Czechoslovakia, while looking toward Russia for "protection," was tied economically and culturally to the West. Zenkl and Drtina are members of Benes' National Socialist party. Masaryk, a non-partisan, was Benes' foreign minister in the war-time exiled government.

Party Cautioned Lausman revealed the assassination attempt at a meeting of his Social Democratic party tonight. He cautioned his followers to "keep calm and cool-headed, because we do not yet know which way the wind is blowing."

The Communist-dominated government has not yet issued a communique, but it was understood all three packages were received this afternoon. Those addressed to Masaryk and Drtina were sent to their offices and Zenkl's was received in the section.

RUSSIANS BLAMED FOR WORLD ILLS

AFL Executive Council Calls For Immediate "Big Four" Meeting

CHICAGO, Sept. 10.—(AP)—The AFL Executive Council today blamed Russia for "the turmoil and tensions that exist in many nations of Europe and Asia" and called for an immediate conference of the "Big Four" nations.

The council said the United Nations had failed as an organization to keep the peace, and proposed that President Truman, Premier Stalin and the heads of the British and French governments get together at once.

The conference is necessary, the 15 leaders of the AFL said, "to end existing impasses and to chart a more effective program of cooperation for world peace in the future."

"The deterioration of international relations has reached such alarming proportions that an eventual break appears inevitable unless strong and constructive leadership is exerted," the council said. "The United States should not

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Churchill Would Create Saints Of Medical World

LONDON, Sept. 10.—(U.P.)—Winston Churchill suggested in a speech tonight that medical science ought to create its saints. He proposed that the world could do with "the good Saint Anesthetics, and the chaste and pure Saint Antiseptic." He said he would feel bound to celebrate the virtues of "Saint Penicillin and Saint M. B. (Sulfonamide preparations)." Churchill addressed physicians of 29 nations, attending

Army Losing Men Steadily

Eisenhower Expresses Concern Over Dwindling American Ranks

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10.—(AP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower said today he was concerned over the dwindling American Army and that he would become "awfully shaky" if the trend continued.

The chief of staff told a news conference the Army now has between 965,000 and 970,000 men (the authorized strength is 1,070,000) and has been losing about 10,000 a month.

Recruiting is running well overall, the 30,000 per month average needed to attain the authorized strength — and, said Eisenhower, "it is up to the American people to produce that strength."

The general said he was "going to get awfully shaky" when and if two things happen:— 1. The size of occupation forces abroad fall below the level of safety prescribed by Gen. Lucius D. Clay in Germany and Gen. Douglas MacArthur in Japan; 2. Air force strength decreases to the point where it ceases to be a major element in national defense.

May Tell Congress "When those things happen," said the general, "I've just got to go to Congress and tell them the story."

He did not say what course he would recommend to a Congress which ended the draft a year ago. Answering questions about other military matters, Eisenhower had this to say:—

A "terrific" amount of military construction is needed in strategically vital Alaska — but costs there are extremely high. There are virtually no facilities for ground troops. The command so far has been almost completely aviation. The question of taking over Britain's occupation duties in Germany has not arisen; "I am certain that no one in government has even hinted to us the British even thinks of pulling out of Germany."

He is "hopeful" the withdrawal of American troops from Italy

TAXPAYERS POUR CASH TO GERMANY

Americans, British Provide \$900,000,000 Worth Of Food For Hungry

BERLIN, Sept. 10.—(U.P.)—American and British taxpayers have poured more than \$900,000,000 into the Western zones of Germany to feed Germans since V-E Day, it was announced officially today.

The announcement said that nearly 7,000,000 tons of food at an estimated cost of \$916,114,000 were imported in the combined British and American zones from V-E Day to last August 31. Almost 5,000,000 tons were bread, grains and flour valued at approximately \$600,000,000 came from the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom and Argentina.

In addition there were 585,000 tons of potatoes from Britain, Holland and Czechoslovakia; 80,000 tons of dried milk from the U. S. and Britain; 22,570 tons of livestock from Britain and Denmark; 27,800 tons of fish from Britain, Norway, Holland and Belgium.

STREET CAR DWELLERS WILL LOWER FLOORING TO MEET CITY'S LAW

COLUMBUS, O., Sept. 10.—(U.P.)—The folk who bought a string of street cars at \$125 each for conversion into homes found themselves stranded by a low ceiling today. The city and county building departments refused to issue permits for remodeling of the vehicles. The trolleys have a 6 foot 6 inch clearance between floor and ceiling. City law requires 7 feet, county law 7 1/2. Owners of the street cars, taken out of service here this week, said if the building departments did not relent, they would lower the flooring to meet requirements.

Western Europe To Set Marshall Plan Needs At 19,000,000,000; U.S. Gains Voice In Ruhr Control

Britain, America Sign Agreements

Pact Covers Broad Plan For Increasing German Coal Output

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10.—(U.P.)—The United States and Britain today agreed on a broad plan for increasing the output of Germany's Ruhr coal mines — a key factor in the Marshall plan for European economic recovery.

The agreement, signed here after a month-long conference, gives the United States for the first time an equal voice with Britain in supervision and control of the rich mining district which lies in the British half of the merged Western occupation zones.

It also provides for German management of actual operations in the pits for the first time since the Nazi surrender.

Plans also were laid for increasingly food ration of the German miners — a step which many experts have described as the first essential in restoring production to pre-war levels.

While the conference produced agreement on the long-standing U. S. demand for an equal share in supervision, it failed to settle the sharp Anglo-American controversy over British plans for eventual socialization of the mines.

Assistant Secretary of State Willard Thorp, who represented the United States in the two-power talks, said that this country "still is not in agreement with Britain's attitude" on the question of nationalization.

The chief British delegate, Sir William Strang, was equally emphatic in saying his government had not changed its opposition to returning the pits to private German owners.

Thorp and Strang stressed that their accord was subject to the ratification by their respective governments, but both believed it would be put into operation quickly.

ICC DENIES RAIL FREIGHT INCREASE

Request For Immediate 10 Per Cent Must Wait Further Hearings

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10.—(U.P.)—The Interstate Commerce Commission today ruled against an immediate freight rate increase for the railroads by announcing that shippers opposed to the raise will be heard before action will be taken.

The railroads are asking a 27 per cent boost in rates, with a 10 per cent increase to take effect at once as an emergency measure, prior to formal hearings.

However, ICC Chairman Clyde Atcheson told attorneys for the railroads at an afternoon session on the case that opposition witnesses will be heard before the commission acts on the proposed "emergency" increase.

Frederick G. Hamley, general solicitor for the National Association of railroad and Public Utilities, contended at today's hearing that the railroads have underestimated revenues for 1947 by \$622,000,000 based on past shipping trends.

Along The Cape Fear

FORT FISHER FIGHT NEARS END—After 7 troops had landed on the beach Sunday and the Federal 8th had laid down a terrific bombardment, the fleet slackened its fire to allow the infantry to advance.

As the Union troops advanced the Confederate soldiers prepared to meet the assault. General Whiting continued in his official report of the battle by writing "our men hastily manned the ramparts and gallantly repulsed the right column of the assault.

A portion of the troops on the left had also repulsed the first rush to the left of the work. The greater portion of the garrison being, however, engaged on the right, and not being able to man the entire work, the enemy succeeded in making a lodgement on the left flank, planting two of his regimental flags in the traverses.



EXCURSION BOAT AFIRE after death blast. Hoses are played on the blazing river excursion boat "Island Queen" following the blast which occurred as the craft was tied to its dock in the Ohio River at Pittsburgh. Though the boat normally carries a crew of 96, police reported that fortunately many were ashore at the time of the explosion. Twelve persons were said to have lost their lives. (International Soundphoto)

MILITARY MOVES AGAINST RIOTERS

Situation In New Delhi Termed Under Control By City Police

NEW DELHI, Sept. 10.—(AP)—Military forces took the offense today against riotous mobs, implementing a government pledge to act on a war basis against communal carnage which has taken an estimated 1,000 lives in four days.

No official count existed of the dead and wounded in the twin cities of old and New Delhi, but most police and military officials said the toll was at least 1,000 killed and possibly many more.

The military and police said the situation was "under control" but they voiced frankly the belief that the violence would end entirely only when enraged Sikhs and Hindus have killed or driven away most or all of the 300,000 Moslems in old and New Delhi. The Moslems were fleeing the area in great numbers.

While sporadic bursts of gunfire and new cases of arson still dotted the two cities, the India cabinet emergency committee ordered a halt to the influx into Delhi of refugees, described by Commissioner Khurshid Ahmed Khan as the "chief cause of trouble."

A dispatch from Madras said armed Sikhs boarded the Madras-bound express at New Delhi Sunday, stopped the train two miles South of the city and

East Belt Price Averages Steady

Tobacco However, Sells Below Tuesday's Quotations On Border Marts

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Tobacco prices were steady yesterday on markets of the Eastern North Carolina Belt while on the Border Belt most grades were below Tuesday's levels, the Federal and State Departments of Agriculture reported.

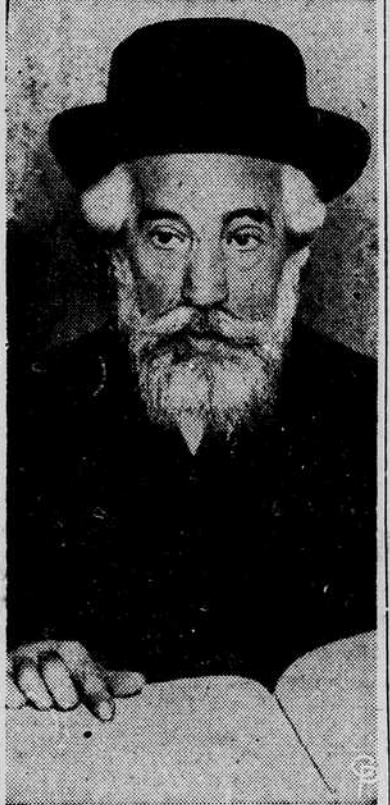
The losses on the Border Belt were scattered and affected offerings in all groups and colors. Most were in the \$1 to \$2 per hundred pounds range although some common grades lost as much as \$3. However, fair lemon smoking leaf was up \$4 and fair orange cutters were up \$3.

A few grades on the Eastern Belt were up from \$1 to \$3 and a few were down as much as \$3. Quality of the offerings was the lowest of the season and consisted mostly of common to good leaf, fair to fine lugs and nondescript.

A total of 9,360,558 pounds were sold on Eastern Markets Tuesday at an average price of

Cherry Tosses Jackson 'Spud' Back To Thurmond

RALEIGH, Sept. 10.—(U.P.)—Governor Cherry today tossed the ball back to Governor Strom Thurmond of South Carolina in the controversy over whether the controversy over whether Andrew Jackson was born just a little South—or North—of the border between the two states.



GRAND RABBI Jacob I. Korff (above), leader of the Boston, Mass., Jewish rabbinates, announced that he will ask the State Department to intercede for his son, Rabbi Baruch Korff. The later is being held in Paris by the French Security Police in connection with a Jewish underground plan to "bomb" London with propaganda leaflets. (International)

BLAST ON "QUEEN" CAUSED BY SPARK

Evidence Before Coast Guard Board Bears Out Survivor's Theories

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 10.—(U.P.)—Survivors of the ill-fated river boat Island Queen testified today that the blast which killed 20 persons apparently was due to a spark from a welding torch which exploded the oil storage tanks.

Several witnesses testified before a Coast Guard board of inquiry that he had seen Chief Engineer Fred Dickow welding a stanchion with an electric torch shortly before the double explosion yesterday.

Witnesses said Dickow worked on the broken stanchion at his workbench, then took it to the second railing from the gangway across the deck from the oil storage tanks to weld it in place.

John Carmen, Cincinnati, a cashier, said he and Jack O'Berry, a soda fountain clerk on the Queen, were leaving the boat as Dickow was setting up his welding equipment near the gangway.

Before they left the gangway, Carmen said, he heard the spattering of the torch. They walked a few feet more

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LABOR DIRECTION NEW BRITISH PLAN

Government Plans To Order Luxury Workers Into Essential Jobs

LONDON, Sept. 10.—(U.P.)—The Labor government in the most drastic move of the kind ever made in peace time plans to order thousands of luxury trade workers into essential industries as part of its attempt to restore Britain's shattered economy, it was made known today.

Sir Stafford Cripps, president of the Board of Trade, is to announce the plan Friday.

A high government source who disclosed the plan said that it would not mean compulsory direction of labor. But, he said, it would provide a "degree" of labor direction never known in peace time Britain.

As part of the plan the government hopes to get into essential industries thousands of men now working for football betting pools and other gambling enterprises, the authority said.

There will also be a "degree of labor direction applied to persons in non-essential industries" and "some direction of workers within their own areas," he explained. Unmarried workers may be "moved around a bit," he said, but there is no intention of "moving large masses from one area to another."

In addition, the government has started a new comb out of the armed forces with the intention of releasing excess manpower to industry wherever practicable, the authority divulged.

The government received its newest blow when it was announced that Argentina had cut off canned meat shipments to Britain, apparently because Britain suspended a clause in the American loan agreement under which Argentina could have sought payment in American dollars. A Board of Trade spokesman announced the move.

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FAIR BLUFF CHIEF WILL FACE COURT

Coroner's Jury Orders Officer Held For Grand Jury In Shooting

WHITEVILLE, Sept. 10.—Chief of Police E. L. Brooks of Fair Bluff, tonight was bound over to Superior Court for grand jury action under \$2,000 bond in the fatal shooting Aug. 18 of Frank Hinson, a former Fair Bluff policeman.

According to witnesses at tonight's hearing, Hinson, 39, was shot to death by Brooks after Hinson fired a 12-gauge blast at Brooks. Tonight's hearing was held before coroner Hugh Nance of Columbus county.

Nations Will Ask U. S. Underwriting

Total Amount Expected To Take Care Of Needs For Four Years

PARIS, Sept. 10.—(U.P.)—Western Europe will ask the United States to underwrite a little less than \$19,000,000,000 for a four-year program of reconstruction under the Marshall proposal, a well-informed source said tonight.

The source, who is participating in the 16-nation European economic conference and requested that his identity, even by nationality, not be disclosed, said the total balance-of-payment deficit with the entire world for supplies needed in the years 1948 through 1951 now stands at \$19,726,000,000.

This figure, he predicted, will be reduced to below \$19,000,000,000 by the conference central committee when it takes up the report of the subcommittee on balances of payment, probably tomorrow.

The source explained the current, tangled balance-of-payment situation in this manner:— Western Europe's four-year deficit with American countries alone will amount to \$22,600,000,000. With the rest of the world, excluding the American countries, however, Europe hopes to have a balance-of-payment surplus of \$2,874,000,000, which would reduce the over-all deficit to \$19,726,000,000.

Balance Of Payment The total balance-of-payment deficit with the entire world will amount to \$3,276,000,000 in

And So To Bed

Once in a while, "And So To Bed" gets caught on a limb — figuratively speaking. Such was the case yesterday morning when it reported an incident the purchaser of a ticket to Jacksonville, Fla. told us.

What the informant really meant, we suspect now, is that he purchased a bus ticket, and not a railroad ticket. Be that as it may, the ACL wishes it knew that it was not a railroad ticket because, say they, "we haven't sold any tickets to Jacksonville, N. C., in so many years."

"And So To Bed" stands corrected.

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